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NRC TO MEET WITH OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT TO DISCUSS PERFORMANCE OF FORT CALHOUN NUCLEAR PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of the Omaha Public Power District on Tuesday, April 20, to discuss the results of the agency's annual assessment of safety performance at the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant. The facility is located north of Omaha, Nebraska.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 10729 J Street (just north of 108th Street) in Omaha. The public is invited to observe the meeting, and NRC officials will be available before the conclusion of the meeting to answer questions from the public. In addition, the NRC staff will provide an overview of how the agency's Reactor Oversight Process works.

The performance period to be discussed is January 1 to December 31, 2003. A March 3 letter from the NRC to Fort Calhoun officials addresses the performance of the plant during this period and will serve as the basis for the meeting discussion. It is available at: http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/LETTERS/fcs_2003q4.pdf.

Overall, the plant operated safely last year, and fully met all cornerstone objectives (cornerstones are measures of plant performance).

With regard to security issues, the letter points out that the NRC has issued several orders and threat advisories to enhance security capabilities and improve guard force readiness since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The agency has also conducted inspections to review the implementation of these requirements and has monitored the action of plant operators in response to changing threat conditions. The NRC will continue security inspections during 2004.

Current performance indicators for Fort Calhoun are available on the NRC web site at:
http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/FCS/fcs_chart.html .

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